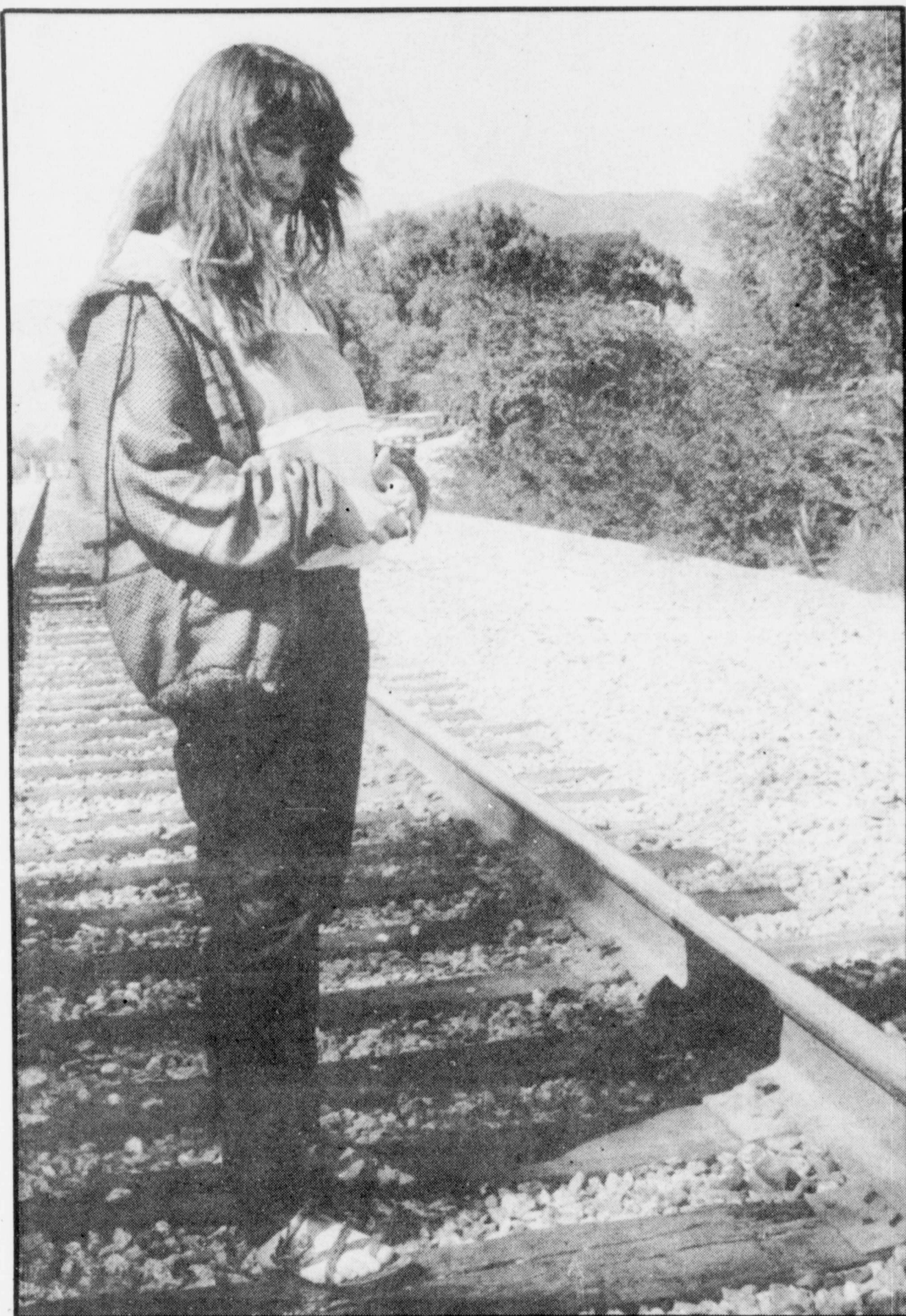


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On Thursday, Andrea Kissinger of Atascadero walked along the area where her boyfriend, Travis Brown, died. Brown's vehicle was hit by a northbound train on Sept. 19 / Daily photo Cari LaZansky.

## Without warning

### Man's death sparks renewed concern over busy railroad track crossing

By Brooke Richardson  
Daily Staff Writer

A young, somber-faced woman paced the railroad tracks behind Cal Poly Thursday afternoon. Head hanging low and feet dragging, she slowly stumbled across the rocky course between the steel bars where her boyfriend died less than a week earlier.

Andrea Kessinger of Atascadero had just come

from the funeral of Travis Brown. Her somber walk started from the unguarded intersection behind Mustang Stadium where Brown's car was hit by a freight train in the early hours of Sept. 19 and ended at the spot one-quarter mile down the tracks where the car finally stopped, mangled by the mass of steel that shoved it to its final resting point.

There are no crossing arms at the intersection of the private road and the railroad tracks where Brown's car collided with the train. There are no physical barriers, lights or bells to warn that a multi-ton train is

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## Judge allows King beating officers free on appeal motion

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — In a surprise decision, a judge Monday allowed two policemen convicted in the Rodney King beating to be released from prison for at least two weeks so they could pursue a U.S. Supreme Court appeal.

U.S. District Judge John G. Davies set Oct. 12 as the new date for Laurence Powell and Stacey Koon to begin the 30-month sentences that Davies himself had issued.

But Koon and Powell

had already checked into the Dublin Federal Prison Camp, 40 miles east of San Francisco. Koon arrived at about 11:30 a.m. Monday, and Powell reported a day early on Sunday. Their deadline had been noon Monday.

They left together in a car at about 3:20 p.m., said prison official John Orla. Their departure was not observed by reporters.

Attorney William Kopeny, representing both Koon and Powell, said he

was preparing an emergency request with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to allow the men to remain free on bail while they appeal their convictions and sentences to a federal appellate court.

Kopeny said the papers would be delivered to the Supreme Court by Tuesday. He added that Davies didn't give any special treatment to the officers.

But Rep. Maxine Waters, a Democrat whose

South Central district was hard hit by the 1992 riots, said that Davies "sent the wrong signal" by delaying the sentences.

"Judge Davies acted irresponsibly and is exacerbating an already tense situation," she said in a statement. "There is a perception in the African American community that there is a double standard at work in our criminal justice system."

# Senior priority changing

## New policy will let students choose their three quarters

By Cynthia L. Webb  
Daily Staff Writer

Senior priority as students have known it for years will be a thing of the past starting in winter quarter, records officials announced Monday.

Beginning winter quarter, a new policy will change senior priority to a new priority registration available to all students. Priority registration will be available for any three quarters a student chooses during the duration of their academic careers, said Marcia Friedman, associate director for academic records.

Instead of waiting until senior year for priority, students will be able to choose any three quarters, even if they are not consecutive, Friedman said.

Students who have senior priority right now will be eligible for three more quarters of priority with the new policy, she said.

"With this plan everybody is considered equal," she said. "Everyone starts at the same spot."

When winter quarter registration begins on Oct. 28, students who want to use a quarter of their priority will be able to activate it through CAPTURE, Friedman said. Stu-

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### HOW THE CHANGES AFFECT YOU

- Students who have been at Cal Poly for at least three quarters may request priority status beginning next quarter (winter, 1994).
- Students will be allowed three quarters of priority to be used at their discretion.
- Transfer students and first-quarter freshmen must attend Cal Poly for at least three quarters before they will become eligible for the priority status.

## Fire on the move

### Los Padres blaze chars 10,000 acres

Staff and wire reports

**SOLVANG** — Firefighters on Monday battled a stubborn wildfire that charred more than 10,000 acres of Los Padres National Forest and could triple in size before it is contained, authorities said.

Temperatures well into the 90s and rugged terrain hampered the efforts of 1,500 firefighters to stop the blaze, which hopped from ridge to ridge in the

Figueroa Mountain area, said U.S. Forest Service spokesman Earl Clayton.

Firefighters on Monday pulled back from the flames in some areas and worked on a perimeter that would contain the blaze at 20,000 acres, Clayton said.

"If that doesn't work, then we'll try to get it at 25,000 acres, then 30,000," he said. "We're not optimistic we can do it before then." There was no con-

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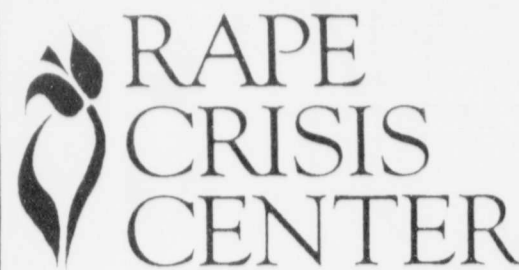


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SEPT. 28 TO OCT. 4

Today's forecast: Sunny skies and light winds, smokey overcast from Solvang fire

Monday high/low: 95/53 Expected high/low: 92/49



Rape Crisis Center stops accepting calls for volunteers to monitor phones today.

**TODAY**

- Peace Corps recruiters at Cal Poly/ 800-832-0681
- Last day, Rape Crisis Center phone volunteerism; info: 545-8888

**WEDNESDAY**

No events

**THURSDAY**

- Citrus Groove, of Lompoc, plays the U.U. Plaza

**FRIDAY**

- Last day to sign up for WPE and EPT/ELM info: 756-2067
- Last day to drop classes
- Sierra Club full moon hike / 929-3647

**WEEKEND**

- Kogerfest '93 community-wide festival / 541-4872
- AIDS Support Network Walk for Life / 781-3660
- Sierra Club Adopt-a-Beach Clean-up / 995-1594

**MONDAY**

- Last day to register to vote in Nov. 2 election
- Last day to add classes

**UPCOMING**

- Transit Tuesday Fair at corner of Palm and Osos streets / 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Oct. 5
- Last day to request credit/no credit
- American Association of University Women mini-convention — Oct. 9 / 434-0783
- Handel Oratorio Choir seeking new choir members for Dec. 11 & 12 performance of Handel's Messiah

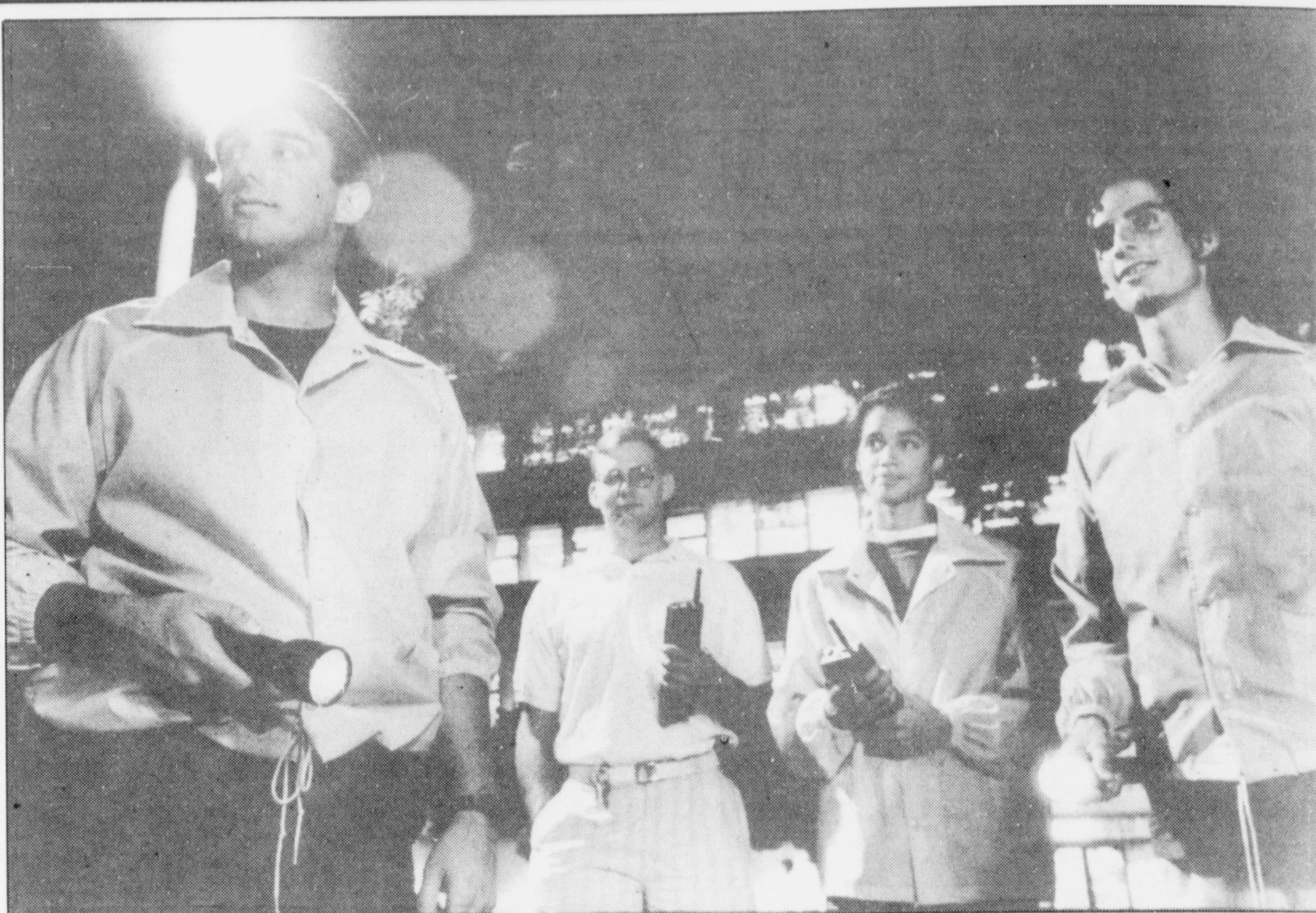
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Members of the Community Safety Awareness Club are almost ready to begin patrolling campus. From left, co-founder Mike Crutchfield, organizer Keith Ellis and patrol volunteers Carmelita Gutierrez and Bernard Garcia / Daily photo by Cari LaZansky.

# INTO OUR OWN HANDS

*A quest to stop Poly's after-dark assaults ends with a new twist: the do-it-yourself approach to a safer campus.*

By John Hubbell  
Daily Editor in Chief

Carmelita Gutierrez didn't know exactly what she was getting herself into. She simply knew why. "In spring quarter, I noticed there were some sign-up sheets," she said. "It didn't say much, just 'Campus Watch.' And I kind of figured it was something about patrolling the campus at night."

Spurred by fresh memories of a wave of campus sexual assaults, Gutierrez signed on.

"I was into joining just because of the assaults last year — January (and) February, that succession," she said.

Indeed, the beginning of winter quarter was heavily punctuated by crime, the harshest of which featured dorm attacks and parking lot rapes. In one horrific two-week period in February, a woman was raped in Cal Poly's R-2 parking lot and two acquaintance rapes were reported in the city within 48 hours.

Enough was enough, Gutierrez thought as she read the news. So she signed her name onto the lime-green sheet. Now, months later, the soil science senior has become one of Cal Poly's first volunteer student patrol officers, a pioneer member of the university's Community Safety Awareness Club.

Until recently, response among Cal Poly students to the yearly dose of campus assaults would run a numbed, routine gamut: shock, disgust, shallow promises to not venture out alone, to lock doors. Weeks later, most everyone would forget, darkness would fall and, often, another attack would occur.

This year, that seems to have changed. Exasperated by the climate of fear lingering in the university's lonely parking lots and bush-shrouded walkways, students have lobbied for, created and joined a unique, altruistic program bent on curbing late-night assaults. And, contend its organizers, what a long, strange trip it's been.

**That this tale of the club's birth should somehow offer a tutorial into the workings of ASI or the Cal Poly administration is perhaps a loaded conclusion, but both Yenigues and Crutchfield are quick to assert it.**

It was mid-March when political science seniors Michael Yenigues and Mike Crutchfield began pushing for some type of program to allow students a hand in policing the campus. Both admit to striding into the executive offices of Associated Students, Inc. with the subtlety of a typhoon, petitioning student government officials to accelerate response before another student was attacked.

Still, while they concede to using an abrasive come-on and flawed, heavy-handed public relations, what Yenigues and Crutchfield contend they found in ASI was something far less than support.

Some board members said they liked the program and wanted to see it funded. Others felt bruised by the pair's full-speed-ahead tactics and became squeamish. And then the issue largely took a backseat to a finger-pointing dispute over method

showcased at an open session of the ASI Board of Directors.

Yenigues, there to lobby for funding, told stories in open session of personal bickering between himself and officials which made establishing a campus club sound more like a gunslinging grudge match. Yenigues, a stout former firefighter whose muscular build fades into shoulder-length locks, even maintained he found notes allegedly written by ASI officials about him on the back of his proposals. "He has long hair," said one. "I wonder if he'd be raped in the parking lot."

With hindsight, key ASI officials don't believe there were any major organizational gaffes or ego-dueling at play in the debate.

"I don't think (what happened) was an organizational flaw in ASI," recalled former ASI President Kristin Burnett. "There was never any effort to derail the process. It got personal and it did hurt the process."

In fact, Burnett says, ASI officials scrapped guidelines which mandate chartered clubs not receive funding during a one-year test period to speed campus watch efforts along.

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## The party is over — SNAP officers will soon hit the streets

By Tracy Brant Colvin  
Daily Staff Writer

Students expanded the scope of smoothing community relations to branch out from the campus and reach into the community when Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP) received final approval to begin patrols.

Starting the first week-

end of November, the SNAP patrols will hit the streets.

SNAP, a joint venture between ASI and the community, will replace the city's police with trained student patrols as initial response to noise complaints.

ASI will pick up the tab for \$1,000 in liability insurance for the first year

**SNAP is accepting applications for positions until Oct. 4. An informational meeting will be held in U.U. 216 on Sept. 30 at 6 p.m.**

of patrols. The city will cover the remaining \$15,323 of the budget.

"Noise violations constitute the largest amount of calls to the police," said

San Luis Obispo Police Captain Bart Topham said at a recent SNAP advisory board meeting.

Since students commit most of these noise violations, Topham said the community should have "students working on student problems."

However, SNAP will not differentiate between See SNAP, page 3



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student calls and other similar calls. "It will be community-based instead of just student-oriented," said San Luis Obispo Police Chief Jim Gardiner.

When SNAP responds to a call, they will assess the situation and

decide whether to issue a Distur-

bance Advisement Card (DAC).

The DAC is a warning to the person responsible for the event.

If police are required to return within 24 hours, the person will

be held liable for the cost of the violation and the cost of the police

personnel.

## AGENDA: After testy debate with ASI, students ready for nighttime campus patrols to begin

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"If that's not responsive," she says, "I question what is."

Current ASI President Marquam Piros, who was Burnett's vice chair and has worked with Yenigues and Crutchfield, is uncomfortable talking about his relationship with them. He prefers to look ahead. "My philosophy is that we all learned from it and we'd like to move forward," he said. "It's just ...," he says, sighing, "I don't want to get into it."

That this tale of the club's birth should somehow offer a tutorial into the workings of ASI or the Cal Poly administration is perhaps a loaded conclusion, but both Yenigues and Crutchfield are quick to assert it. Crutchfield, a former Coast Guard officer who hopes to join the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency after graduation in December, says he and Yenigues will leave Cal Poly "with a pleased grin on our faces. It was a game," he says, "and we were able to win it."

Whatever the semantics of the struggle, the results are now clear: students who never before drifted

To get involved in Campus Watch, call Keith Ellis at 756-6675.

to any kind of law enforcement are beginning to line up to make a difference.

"It's really important that students should demonstrate that they care about safety on campus," says Catherine McDonald, a natural resource management junior who is also part of the inaugural group. "If we feel that safety is overlooked, then it's important for us to act."

McDonald is not a Rambo survivalist or gun enthusiast — she works at the Palm Theater most days. This, she concedes, is a bit out of her character. And yet:

"I know that any place, any time can turn into a danger situation," she says. "That's kind of worrisome to me. As a group, as a student body, we have neglected (this issue) a lot. (So) I'm trying to be supportive. I might not be able to do the walking around campus, but I still want to do something that shows I think this is important."

## Early reaction shows students like senior priority restructuring

By Tracy Brant Colvin  
Daily Staff Writer

A new system that would eliminate graduating senior priority and allow students to take three priority quarters whenever they choose met with cautious approval from students Monday.

Home economics senior Amy Kubitz said she liked the plan and believed it would do what the administration hopes.

"I think it would be a good way to get people out of school faster," she said. Kubitz also said she

thought the new system would ensure classes to people embarking on a co-op or the London Study program.

"I think it would make it easier to get a class if that class was only offered once a year," said journalism junior Charaighn Foss, who also approved of the new system.

Industrial engineering senior Rick Whisman said he'd welcome anything that "puts more control in the hands of the students."

But natural resource management freshman Nicole Dawson worried the plan could backfire on the administration and incautious students. "(If) you use up (your three quarters) as a freshman, you can't get classes your last year," she said. "And you end up being in school longer."

"(The plan) would be great as long as everyone doesn't take their priority registration at once," business junior J.P. Stefain said.

## PRIORITY: Big changes are being made in order to make system equal

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dents will have six days during which they can register for priority registration. Once those days are up, traditional registration begins. Athletes, disabled students and new students will still have first priority registration as in the past, she said.

Changes with senior priority began last April when the issue was brought to the Academic Senate by the registration and scheduling committee and the senate instruction committee. Laura Freberg, chair of the registration committee, said she feels the change will be a positive move.

"We had a chance to do a lot of the work on the priority policy," she said. "We made sure to communicate the proposed changes with other professors and department heads. Hopefully, we didn't miss anything."

"I think priority registration for all students will make the system more equitable," she continued. "Before, some students had as few as one quarter of priority while others had six or seven. This way will be more fair. The idea is to allow students to make choices

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Laura Freberg  
Chair, Registration Committee

themselves. They will be able to pick the time that works best for them. We trust the students to be responsible."

Part of students' responsibility will be to use their three quarters of priority registration with caution.

"Once the quarters are up, that's it," Friedman said. "There will be no exceptions. Students who use their priority registration and still end up not getting classes will not be able to go back and reregister."

To qualify for priority regis-

tration, students must have completed three quarters at Cal Poly, Friedman said. "This will safeguard freshmen and new students from using up their priority without realizing the importance of it," she said.

Students who are unsure of when the best time to use their priority should talk to their advisers, department heads and use Cal Poly News Network in the library, she said.

"We hope that instructors can start to talk about this mid-fall quarter so that students will be as informed as possible," she said. "The winter CAPTURE schedule will have detailed information also."

Records officials said they believe some problems may arise because of the new changes. "It will take a number of quarters for the flow to even out," said Tom Zuur, director for academic records. "There may be a rush of people at first that want to use the new system. But there's no way of knowing right now."

"This new policy is going to be more fair. It's not perfect, but it's a step in the right direction that will change a system that in the past was fraught with inequality."

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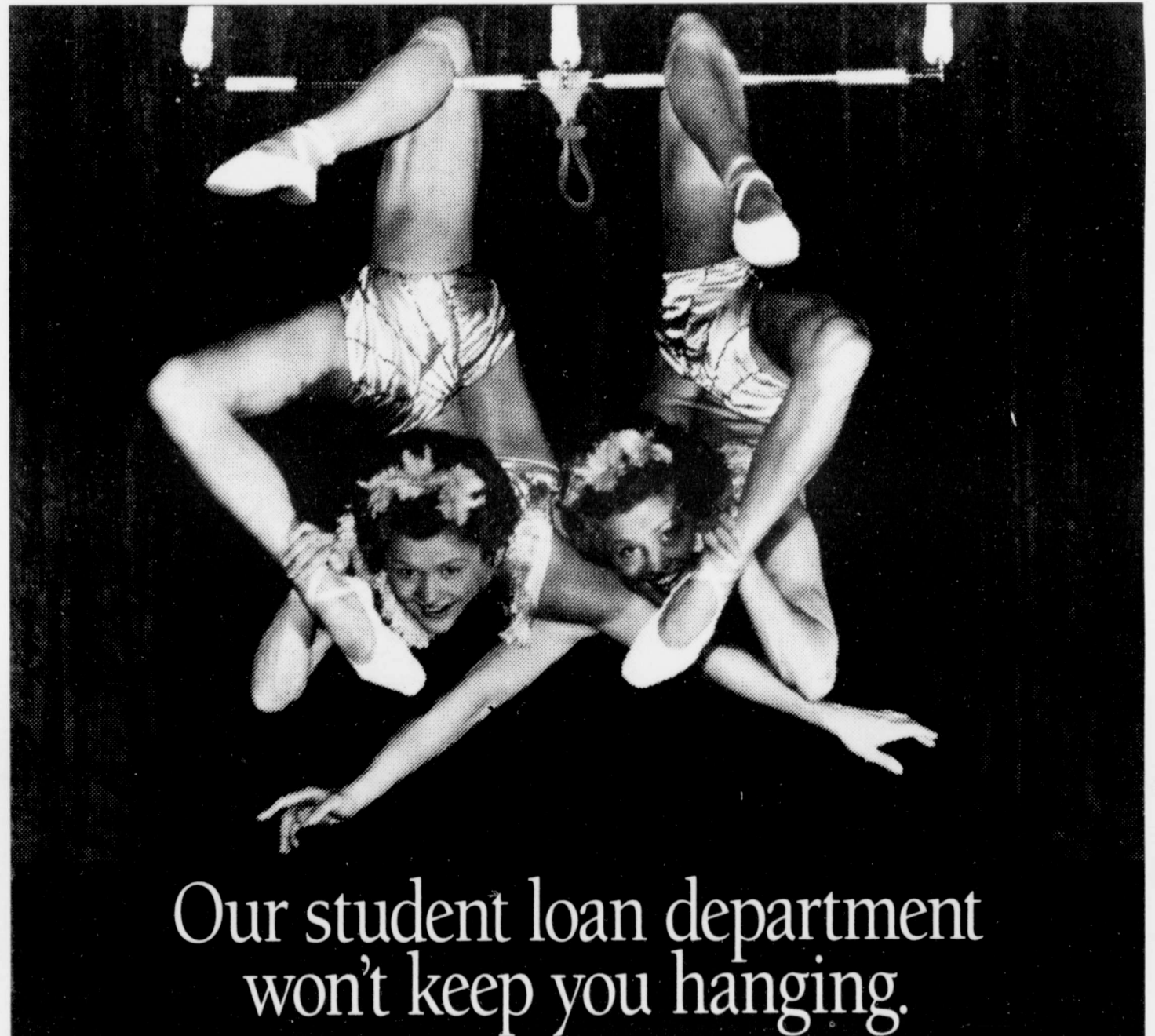
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## EDITORIALS

### 'Spring Festival.' Let's talk specifics

After years of dormancy, Cal Poly's long tradition of holding a spring festival is about to return. We're extremely happy about that.

Poly Royal, a decades-old tradition which formerly showcased the best of our university, died sadly in 1990 amid a drunken crowd of raucous revelers. President Warren Baker then acted appropriately in canceling the celebration, and he is also now correct in agreeing to move forward with a new spring celebration.

Now, the big question is before us: What kind of celebration will Cal Poly host? While we seem to sit only months away from this new, unnamed festival, details remain unacceptably sketchy.

As of today, all we've been told is this: the festival will be shorter and, according to city and ASI officials, centered more on academics.

"Shorter" is fairly self-explanatory. But less than seven months away from the proposed festival, is "academically centered" enough detail?

We don't think so.

"Academically-centered" is a safe, sanitized phrase that undoubtedly does much to soothe the community's frayed nerves. And indeed, a festival that boasts of our scholastic excellence is, by no means, a bad thing.

But let's not take the "festival" out of our festival. When we hear talk of, say, restricting alcohol ads in town for the duration of the new open house, we wonder just how paranoid organizers might become. If the program is "academically-centered," then what's the worry?

Poly Royal was never some kind of explicit, organized Oktoberfest. Those circumstances developed around it, not because of it. We hope organizers acknowledge their limitations, and manage things well within their jurisdiction.

That's why we — and presumably everyone else — would like to hear details soon. If anything, talk of things like alcohol bans will subtly nurse fears of "Free beer!" chants returning to our streets. Let's hear talk about what the festival will be about, not what we hope it won't become.

### Applauding bike lane success

San Luis Obispo City Council members and local bicycle activists are to be commended for moving to put more bike lanes in the city.

While it is unfortunate that it took the death of a local man last spring to get discussions started, the move shows this community can pull together to respond to the needs of its citizens.

Already, some business leaders have said they are concerned about the effect newly-approved bike lanes on Marsh Street will have on their businesses. Precious downtown parking spaces will be removed to make room for the additional bike traffic lane.

Bicycle activists need to realize that the future of downtown businesses is a valid concern for all those living in this community, and business officials opposed to bike lanes need to be aware the safety of bicyclists — many of whom are Cal Poly students — is equally as important.

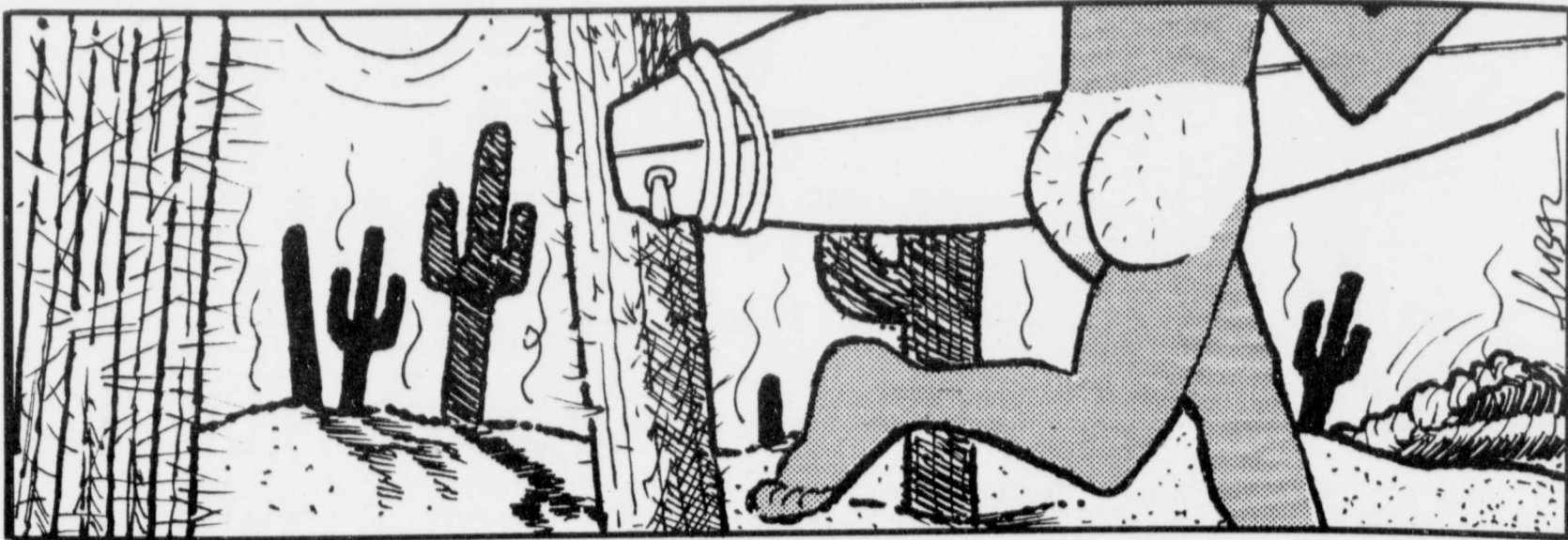
Before approving more lanes, council members also need to carefully weigh the safety of bicyclists in the places lanes are being considered. Lanes already approved on Johnson Avenue may not have been the safest solution for local bikers. If the council had taken a bit longer to discuss the issue, it might have realized that the safest route for bicyclists does not include traveling under the Johnson Avenue underpass at all.

Despite the differences that will continue to exist, it is the type of mature and open-minded discussions we have already seen emerging that will lead to the best solutions.

Bicyclists will come to realize that they are not the only ones who matter on the roadways, and businesses will begin to realize that the bottom line is not profits, but the safety of all citizens in our community.

Only through continued communication will those goals be met.

## COMMENTARY



### Drop your pants and run for the border

By Tim Williams

There are mornings when parking — let alone surfing — at the ever-so-popular Pismo Beach Pier almost makes you want to head back home and check out the new Barney episode with an a.m. chili dog and a Pabst Blue Ribbon. Yummm.

Anyway, even if you can make it out of the parking lot without responding to a few "Shaka Bra's" and can avoid hitting the convoy of lowered VW Squarebacks from Santa Maria, you still might make it to a few alternative surf spots only to find about the same situation.

It seems many of the '90s style surf samurais have tossed away Jeff Spicoli's stoney but legendary quote "surfing's not just a sport, it's a way of life." After taking a sleepy look at the early morning scene, it

Leaving the U.S. at 4 a.m. seemed like a bad idea at the time, but arriving two hours south of Ensenada at 8 a.m. with a head-high beach break and not a gringo in sight, it felt good to be lost. All that left the van were a couple of hoots and hollers, three surfboards and the Three Amigos.

"My wave!" I heard over my shoulder. Apparently I wasn't the only one with thrills of *Big Wednesday* in mind. It was Todd on his stringerless Surf God board. Hey, for \$20 how could you go wrong? On day two the Surf God board was made retractable, much like a fishing pole. Todd spent a lot of time in the sand, but it did give us a lot more room in the van for the ride home.

Two words to the wise when traveling to Baja's coast: Take a Chevy Starcraft custom van conversion and an English/Spanish dictionary. A few of the roads would have been hairy in a small car (and not as plush), and you get some pretty strange looks when asking the store owners for cielo (the sky) when you want a bag of hielo (ice).

The last two days of our trip, although not as epic in the water as the first, were filled with rounds of poker, many cold beverages and a naked surf session by yours truly. This was a life long dream of mine, and since there was no one to offend but Annie, our female surfing compadre, I set out to 'hang ten' al fresco. It was a lifting experience.

The drive back up the coast and the border crossing topped off the much needed weekend. A few last fish tacos and we were on our way home. With our heads buzzing, our minds reflected the legendary solitude we encountered on that beach. Our flashback to the 70's where surf shops were scarce, and people were concerned with the waves, not the quest to be identified as a surfer, made us hesitate before leaving our paradise. But we were looking forward to get back to a country with order and indoor plumbing.

As a lover of the ocean, I've learned to accept it and appreciate its diversity. In the same way, I've tried to accept the styles of today and merely avoid the bandwagon as opposed to standing in front of it. I don't know why this gets me so angry though.

Maybe it's that damn Barney.

•Tim Williams is a journalism senior.

### I set up to hang ten "al fresco." It was a lifting experience.

seems surfing has been warped into more of a fad than a soulful escape. The whole idea nowadays is to be seen as a surfer rather than float for fun and relaxation. All it takes to be cool is the surf style, \$3 worth of hip stickers in your back window and you're in. A good pair of Oakley Blades wouldn't hurt either, but this is only for the serious Bra.

A stomach-churning summer of obstacle course surfing and too many episodes of Barney might set one's mind in other directions. For my buddy and me, the strange smells and insane swells of Baja California set us in a southbound mode with no turning back.

After arrangements with family, friends and employers, the car was packed with boards and camping gear for the out-of-country experience. Yes, we were just a 12-pack away from San Diego where we'd pick up reinforcements and new recruits for our "No Shaka Bra's" trek.

San Diego, a haven for beautiful beach and reef breaks, seems the perfect city to separate the dysfunctional from the functional. It sort of pampers you from the culture shock bends that often accompany a border crossing such as this.

One night of cultural exchange in San Diego, a change of vehicles and we were on the road.

### Rec Sports too slow to swimmer's aid

By Lissa Meek

"Rec Sports administrators and staff, with concerned faces, stood around the Rec Center's pool deck watching paramedics working on a Cal Poly student Wednesday at 10:45 a.m."

The key words in this sentence are "stood around."

On Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Heather Wolf, a construction management senior, lifted herself out of the pool and made it to a lounge chair. We had been sharing the same lane, and she was complaining about being cold.

"I am telling the whole story because not only the fact that the ambulance took nine minutes to arrive, it took Rec Sports 10 minutes to react."

About five minutes after Heather left the pool, I looked over at the lounge chair and noticed she was huddled in a ball at the end of the chair with her head on my bookbag.

I immediately got out of the pool. Heather was in pain and did not know what was wrong. At that time the instructor for the course and a Rec Sports person came over and called (Public Safety at) 2222.

I went into the center to get towels. They would not give me any because I was in my bathing suit and had no identification on me. I announced that my friend was going into shock and I needed towels. I received two towels.

When I returned with the towels, I also brought Heather a glass of water. I lifted her up to drink and she went into shock in my arms. I had the instructor for the course call for the lifeguard.

The guard carefully stepped from her perch and walked over. At this time the Rec Sports person asked if he should call an ambulance.

I am telling the whole story because it was not only the fact that the ambulance took nine minutes to arrive, it took Rec Sports ten minutes to react.

Why was I the person who had to get out of the pool and notice that Heather was ill? Were there not two lifeguards, a course instructor and Rec Sports staff there also?

Yes, there were. In fact, one guard told an ambulance medic that she noticed Heather barely make it to the lounge chair and huddled up more and more into a ball.

I have never had any training in lifesaving, yet even I could tell something was wrong. I had to hold my friend in my arms as she went into hypothermic shock. These people — guards, instructors, etc. — should know the symptoms of hypothermic shock and be able to recognize when a person is in danger.

With a staff like this, no emergency facilities on campus and having San Luis Obispo's emergency services not designed to assist Cal Poly we are lucky Heather Wolf did not die.

The doctors believe that her body temperature

"With a staff like this and no emergency services on campus...we are lucky Heather Wolf did not die."

(reached) the low 80s and that she had an 80 percent chance of dying out there by the pool.

I am glad I was there for Heather, because if Cal Poly does not get its act together, one day someone may die. That is a dilemma too great to not have answers for, no matter what crossroads you are at.

Lissa Meek is a speech communication senior.



## Yet another tourist shot in Florida

Associated Press

MIAMI — Just as travel agents from Germany were getting a VIP tour to persuade them to keep sending tourists to Florida, another out-of-state visitor was shot to death on a Miami highway.

The seemingly senseless killing unleashed a new flurry of negative publicity about crime against visitors in a state with a \$31 billion a year tourist industry.

Miguel A. Sanchez, 40, of New York City, was gunned down Sunday night while going to a restaurant.

A motorist pulled alongside his cousin's car and fired a single shot through the passenger window, hitting Sanchez in the head.

"At this point we really do not have a motive," said Metro-Dade police spokesman Ralph Fernandez.

No arrests were made, he said.

In New York, a relative said members of Sanchez's family had urged him not to go to Florida.

"They told him not to go. ... I guess he didn't think it would happen to him," said Olga Morales, Sanchez's sister-in-law.

The attack on Sanchez follows the slayings of 10 foreign tourists in Florida in the past year.

## FIRE: Los Padres engulfed by aggressive blaze; 10,000 acres have been blackened

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tainment estimate, he said.

About two dozen homes were threatened, and authorities urged residents to leave the area, Clayton said. Officials also were investigating reports that a handful of hikers and hunters may be in the area of the fire, he said.

Seven air tankers, 10 water-dropping helicopters and 42 engines supported firefighters' efforts, Clayton said.

One edge of the blaze burned slowly toward the northeast, approaching the San Rafael Wilderness. Winds averaged a low 3 mph but temperatures Monday hit the 90s as the fire fed on brush, chaparral and timber, said Clayton.

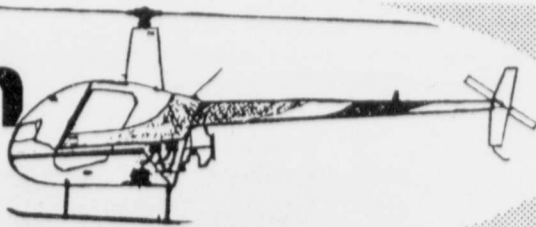
Firefighters from Santa Barbara, Los Angeles and Ventura counties, the California Department of Forestry, the federal Bureau of Land Management and the USFS fought the blaze, authorities said.

The fire, about 100 miles northwest of Los Angeles, apparently was caused Saturday by two hunters who were smoking cigarettes, although an investigation was continuing, said USFS spokesman Deloy Espin. Anyone found responsible could be billed for firefighting costs, which totaled \$128,000 as of Sunday night, Espin said.

In Riverside County, firefighters on Monday contained a 230-acre brush blaze about seven miles southeast of Hemet. No structures were damaged, and the cause of the fire, which began Sunday, was under investigation.

Los Angeles County firefighters worked quickly to surround a 10-acre brush fire in Malibu that threatened no structures, said county fire spokesman Angel Montoya.

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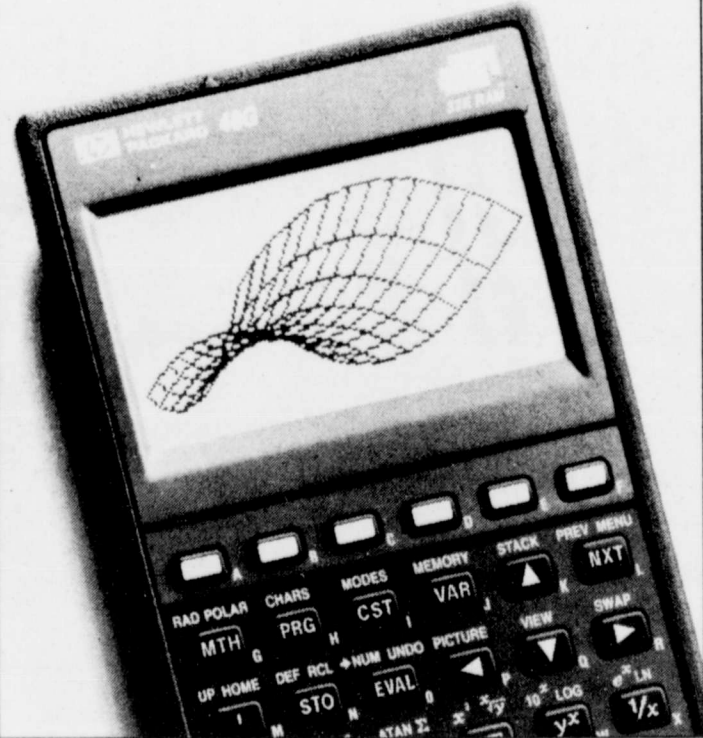
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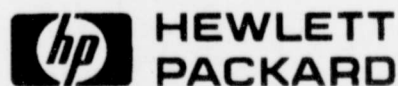
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## RAILROAD CROSSING: After a tragic death, a question arises over who is responsible for keeping the busy area safe

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on its way. There is only a stop sign and a small warning: Private Railroad Crossing.

"Stop signs just don't do it," Kessinger said.

Although the road where Brown's car crossed the tracks is technically a private road, it is regularly traveled by Cal Poly students and San Luis Obispo residents. The road accesses university crop buildings, houses and the Institute of Religion, a building owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. It also is used as a shortcut from campus to Mustang Village, a popular student apartment complex located behind the Institute.

Brown was on his way home after spending Saturday evening

at the Institute when he was killed. His car was hit by a northbound Southern Pacific freight train. Brown, a 21-year-old San Luis Obispo native, was a member of the Mormon church and had just recently returned from a two year mission in Utah. He was not a Cal Poly student.

Barton Olsen, a retired Cal Poly history professor who has been a youth teacher at the church for 35 years, is particularly upset about Brown's death. Like many others, he feels it could have been prevented by proper warning signals. He recalls that in 1975, another young man just back from a mission was killed at the same crossing where Brown died.

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Barton Olsen  
Former Cal Poly History Prof.

Foothill)...and wondered if it would be better if there was a light (at that intersection) too," Olsen says. "It seems like a flashing red light would be in the student interest

too."

Now Olsen, like many others, wants to know who is responsible for the dangerous crossing that has taken at least two lives and what can be done to prevent it from happening again.

Mike Furtney, a spokesman for Southern Pacific, said the railroad company is not responsible for the crossing signals.

"In California, there's a process it needs to go through," he says. "(The crossing) needs to be nominated to be put on the Public Utilities Commission list."

The county, city or property owner can nominate a crossing for the list, Furtney said. The PUC prioritizes the requests for crossing signals. If a site is chosen to receive the signals, the state gen-

erally pays the approximately \$50,000 for the equipments installation, according to Furtney.

But in order for the crossing to be put on the list, it needs to be nominated. And there is some confusion as to who owns the road.

Bob Kitamura of Cal Poly's Facilities Planning says he is running a title search right now to find out who owns the private crossing. He said should know by the middle of this week. Kitamura said he is sure the crossing is not Cal Poly's property.

"It looks like Cal Poly is clear," he says.

But crossing arms and lights won't bring Brown back. And even if they do get put up, the warning signals may never stop Kessinger's fears.

"It's scary now," she says.

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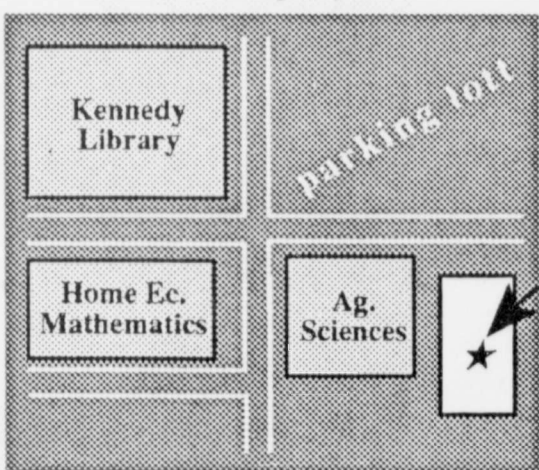
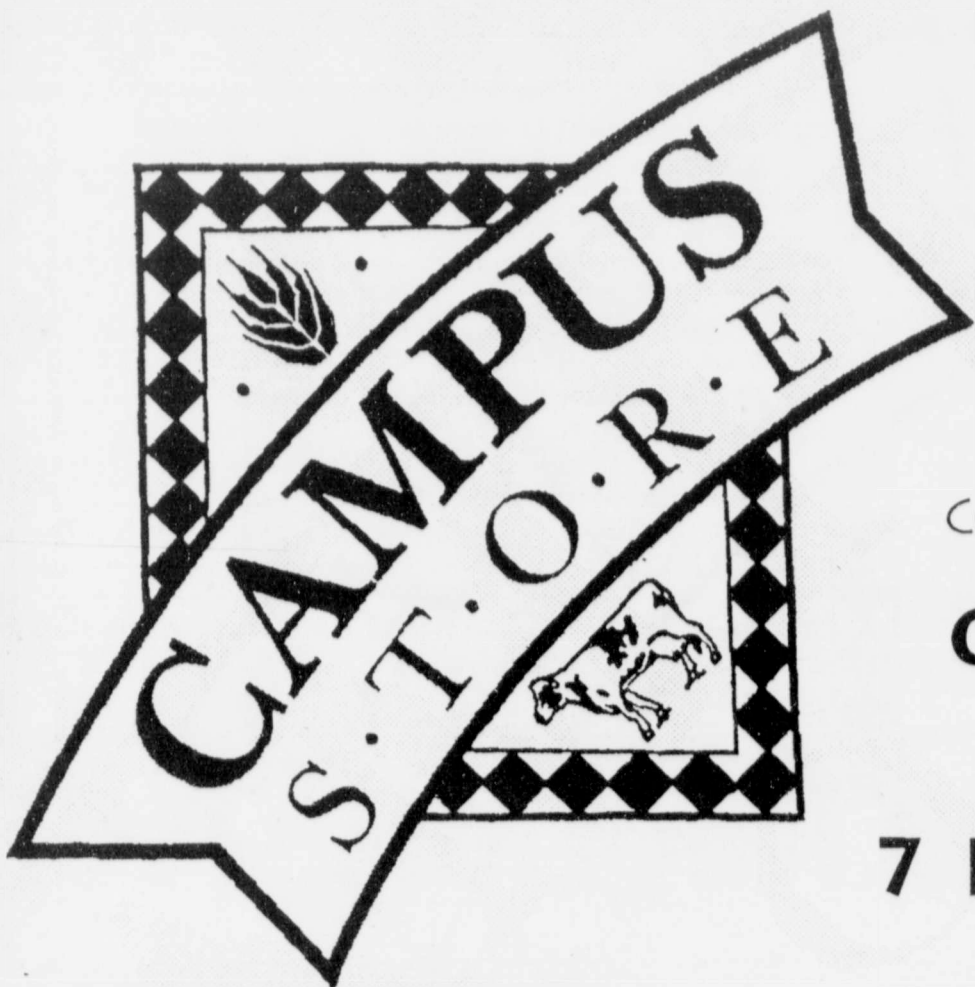
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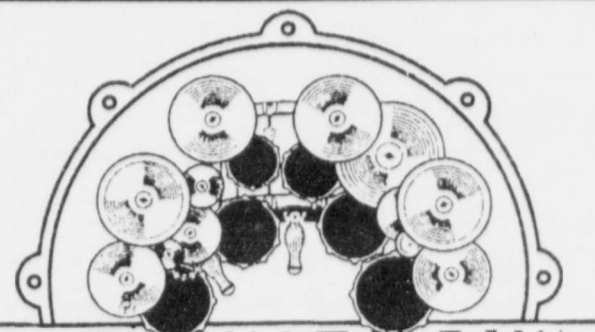
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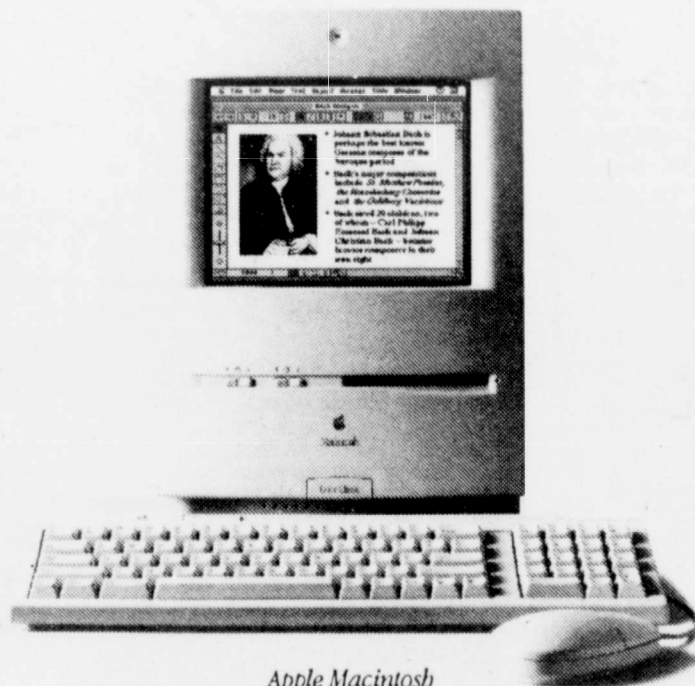
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